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TI Method for separating N-methylpyrrolidone from byproducts

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AB Sepn. of N-methylpyrrolidone from byproducts of its synthesis from
.gamma.-butyrolactone and monomethylamine, the byproducts being water,
N-methyl-.gamma.-hydroxybutyramide, and high-boiling components, is
accomplished in an improved process by redistn. In order to increase the
quality and yield of product, the rectification of byproducts is carried
out at 30-250 mm Hg pressure in the head of the column in the presence of
N-methyl-4-(methylamino)butyramide as sepn. agent, taken in a ratio to the
N-methyl-.gamma.-hydroxybutyramide impurity of 0.5-2:1. Concd.
N-methylpyrrolidone is removed from plates in the rectifying or distg.
section of the column with subsequent isolation of com.

N-methylpyrrolidone.

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